

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 is respectfully requested since it does not add any new matter or require further consideration and/or search.

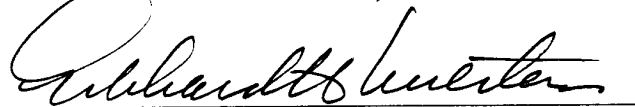
More specifically, the amendment to Claim 12 was made since there is no proper antecedence for “four” image pickup data.

The amendment to Claim 28 was made to provide proper antecedence in the claim to the phrase “said averaging gradation estimation unit”.

These informalities were discovered by applicants’ attorney during a post-allowance review of the claims and applicants’ attorney has been diligent in correcting any informalities that he has become aware of.

Respectfully submitted,

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